

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently amended) A plant in its plastid genome ~~according to claim 13~~ comprising a first expression cassette comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a trehalose 6-phosphate synthase under control of a promoter capable of directing the expression of said nucleotide sequence in a plastid of said plant and a second expression cassette comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a trehalose-6-phosphate phosphatase under control of a promoter capable of directing the expression of said nucleotide sequence in a plastid of said plant.

28. (Currently amended) A plant in its plastid genome ~~according to claim 13, wherein said comprising an expression cassette comprises comprising~~ a first nucleotide sequence encoding a trehalose 6-phosphate synthase and a second nucleotide sequence trehalose-6-phosphate phosphatase.

29. (Original) A plant according to claim 28, wherein said first and second nucleotide sequences are transcribed from a single promoter in an operon-like polycistronic gene, wherein said promoter is capable of directing the expression of said operon-like polycistronic gene in a plastid of said plant.

30-42. (Canceled)